

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2051 - SB 2702**

February 20, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula to fund one full-time school social worker position for each 1,500 or fewer students.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$6,509,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- The BEP formula currently funds social workers positions at a ratio of 1:2,000 students.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Education (DOE), changing the funding ratio for social workers to 1:1,500 increases the number of social worker positions generated through the BEP from 490.6 to 649.3, for a net increase of approximately 158.7 social worker positions.
- The state share of the BEP will fund approximately \$41,019 per social worker position.
- Re-calculating the FY20-21 BEP, using a social worker to student ratio of 1:1,500 will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$6,509,715 (158.7 positions x \$41,019) for FY20-21 and subsequent years.
- The increase in BEP funding will increase the minimum required local match for districts receiving an increase in BEP funding as a result of this bill; however, all districts are currently contributing local funds in excess of the minimum required local match and no increased local contributions will be required.
- No significant impact to local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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